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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: LISA COLLINS WERNER, BPR #023116
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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April 14, 2020

KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On April 13, 2020, Lisa Collins Werner, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court conditioned upon payment of fees to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Werner pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. While representing a father in a custody dispute, Ms. Werner met privately with a minor outside of the presence of a guardian ad litem.

Ms. Werner executed a conditional guilty plea in which she acknowledged her misconduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 4.2 (communication with a person represented by counsel) and is hereby Publicly Censured for that violation.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: LISA COLLINS WERNER, BPR #023116

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

No. M2020-00554-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2019-3027-2-JM

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Lisa Collins Werner on July 30, 2019; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Ms. Werner on August 29, 2019; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Ms. Werner on February 28, 2020; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on March 3, 2020; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea upon Ms. Werner by the Executive Secretary of the Board on March 3, 2020; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 13, 2020; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

- (1) Ms. Werner is publicly censured, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.4.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Ms. Werner shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,349.18 within ninety (90) days. In the event Ms. Werner fails to pay the Board expenses and costs as required herein, the Board may reopen its disciplinary file and conduct further proceedings pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.8.

(4) Ms. Werner shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

(5) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM